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## Church News

### THE DECEMBER COLLECTION.

The General Assembly designates the month of December as the time for taking a collection to support our missionary work among the colored people. The committee at Tuscaloosa is doing a fine work, which might be enlarged indefinitely, if they had the necessary funds. The Assembly asks that a sum equal to 25c per member be sent in from each church. Remit to John Little, Treasurer, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

### HON. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN IN ATLANTA.

Atlanta saw Mr. Bryan in a new role last Sunday. We have heard him before on political questions, but this time he came as a preacher of righteousness. He came under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. His theme was "The Prince of Peace." He spoke in the Grand Opera House.

The weather was at its worst. The trees were covered with ice and it was still raining and freezing. But this seemed to make no difference. Every available seat was taken long before the appointed hour and literally hundreds were turned away. It was a great audience of men only. There must have been five thousand in all, and they were not the pillars of the church and the old saints in Zion. For the most part they were young men, many of them not identified with any church.

Mr. Bryan spoke for an hour and a half. It was a remarkable address. He spoke in a clear simple style. There were no fire works and no straining after effect. He began with some of the objections to the Christian religion and gradually came to the Prince of Peace.

He showed wide reading in science and philosophy and even theology. He drew considerably from Fairbairn's Phil-

osophy of the Christian Religion, which is a pretty heavy book. He quoted at length from P. Carnegie Simpson's "The Fact of Christ."

He came nearer demolishing Darwinian evolution than any man I ever heard. A young fellow sitting near me remarked to me, "I think I am done with Darwinian Evolution." He looked like a fellow who fairly doted on it.

He discussed with clearness the doctrine of vicarious atonement and the objections to it. Especially satisfactory were his remarks on the miracles and mysteries of the Bible. He says that the whole question of miracles resolves itself around two questions: Could God work a miracle? Would He want to work a miracle?

Having disposed of the objections he came to the constructive part of his lecture. No analysis can do justice to his picture of "The Prince of Peace." When he got through every man in the audience must have had a secret yearning to know more of this Prince of Peace and to be more like him.

The address made a profound impression and must do good, whatever we may think of Mr. Bryan's political views, one thing we know: He is a great preacher of righteousness. W. L. L.

### NOW OUT.

The new Calendar of Prayer for Home Missions, issued by the Executive Committee. Handsomely illustrated in sepia tints. Replete with beautiful quotations and apt Scripture texts. Full of information that our people desire, and indispensable for our missionary workers. It is made to "hang up," and furnishes an artistic gift to an interested friend. As the edition is limited, orders (with cash) should be sent at once. 10 cents each, 50 cents for 6, \$1 per dozen. Address: Executive Committee Home Missions, Presbyterian Church, Drawer H., Atlanta, Ga.

### ALABAMA.

Selma: The First Church has called to its pastorate Rev. D. W. Richardson, of South Carolina. Mr. Richardson has proved himself, in his short ministry, to be a most efficient and successful preacher and pastor, and has in addition enjoyed and used rare advantages in scholarship.

Montgomery: It is announced that the Central Church, Rev. Dr. Neander M. Woods, pastor, has determined to sell its present church property with a view to locating in the southern part of the city. At present the two leading churches, the First and the Central, are very near to each other.

Mobile: At the morning service of the Central Presbyterian Church on Sunday Dr. D. A. Planck reminded the congregation that it was the twentieth anniversary of his call to the pastorate of that church. At his coming the membership was about 210, while now it is double that number, and the move from Jackson street to the new location, on Dauphin and Ann streets, some years ago, gave a

very promising outlook for the future. He further announced that unless the pastorate came to end previously in some other way he would retire at the expiration of five years, making a service of a quarter of a century. He said that in looking over the faces before him he saw few who had been present when he assumed his charge, and that in Mobile there is but one minister who has been here longer. Many went up and congratulated the doctor upon his long and useful service.—Mobile Register.

### GEORGIA.

Atlanta: Rev. John Little, of Louisville, Ky., has been in this city during the past week. Mr. Little is doing the greatest work among the negroes that is being done in the Southern Presbyterian Church. He has a message. During his stay in Atlanta he spoke in the Central, North Avenue, and First Churches. He showed stereopticon views of his work and work among negroes in general, in each of these churches. His addresses made a profound impression. After his address at the First Church on Wednesday afternoon ex-Governor W. J. Northen, who is a Baptist, arose in the audience and said that he believed we had before us the man who could lead us to the true solution of the race problem if we would follow. He also asked that Mr. Little come back to Atlanta after Christmas, promising to do all that is in his power to secure for him large audiences from all denominations. Governor Northen's remarks made a deep impression. Mr. Little promised to return some time during the last half of January. We believe that he has a message for the whole church and only wish that the whole church could hear him.

—First Church: We clip the following from the Calendar of last Sunday. It contains an excellent suggestion: "The services this evening at 7:30 will be largely a song service. Yet we want to make it more than the regulation song service. We want it to be a song sermon. The theme will be: 'Simply to Thy Cross I Cling,' and every hymn and every piece of music will center in the Cross."

### KENTUCKY.

Covington: The Madison Avenue Church has suffered a great loss in the death of Joseph Chambers, Esq., for forty years an able and faithful ruling elder. He was one of God's noble men, modest, unassuming, cultured, loyal, faithful and generous. Every interest of our church found a warm place in his great heart.

Nicholasville: Three additional members have been received into this church, making ten recently received. The Presbyterian ministers of Central Kentucky met on Monday, the 6th, and organized a Ministers' Association for Central Kentucky, with Rev. E. W. McCorkle, president; Rev. J. W. Tyler, vice-president; Rev. H. G. Moody, secretary. It is hoped this association will be productive of great good.